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1. claims: 1-16

Route guidance system comprising an in-vehicle device, having a visual display and an audio emitter, and a route advisory center transmitting the optimal route to the in-vehicle device in response to a request from the user to a human operator in the route advisory center.

2. claim: 17

Route guidance system comprising an in-vehicle device and a route advisory center transmitting to the in-vehicle device an optimal route determined using real-time and historical traffic data together with archive data acquired from non-monitored routes.

3. claims: 18-20

Route guidance system comprising an in-vehicle device and a route advisory center transmitting to the in-vehicle device an optimal route calculated using a traffic forecasting model.

4. claims: 21,22

Route guidance system comprising an in-vehicle device and a route advisory center transmitting to the in-vehicle device an optimal route calculated taking into account the previous travelling direction of the vehicle.

5. claims: 23-28

Route guidance method comprising the step of associating flags with route key-points established along an optimal route and the step of providing instructions to the user as the vehicle approaches the route key-points.

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